

F 65 *System*
196. Apparatus as set forth in Claim 1 including means for separating the structural elements of the web.

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197. Apparatus as set forth in Claim 1² including means for separating the structural elements of the web.

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is entered in order to file apparatus claims which were divided out of Applicant's previous U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/407,191. The new claims define an apparatus that encapsulates at least some of the structural elements of the web leaving most of the interstitial spaces between the encapsulated structural elements open. The new and amended claims are fully supported by the original specification and add no new matter. The changes made to the specification are fully supported by the specification at page 6, line 19 and page 30, line 21 and by the originally filed claims. No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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